



## Thomas Connor Papers (C0244)

**Collection Number:** C0244

**Collection Title:** Thomas Connor Papers

**Dates:** 1893-1909

**Creator:** Connor, Thomas, 1847-1907

**Abstract:** Connor's will and other papers connected with his estate. Lead and zinc ore register, 1893-1909, from Joplin, MO.

**Collection Size:** 0.3 cubic feet  
(1 folder, 1 volume)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [columbia@shsmo.org](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The papers were deposited with the University of Missouri by Virgil Board on June 12, 1945 (Accession No. CA0246). An addition was made on August 24, 1945 by George Wadleigh (Accession No. CA0268).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Thomas Connor Papers can be found in the following collection:

[Connor Hotel Records](#), (R0136)  
[Miners Bank \(Joplin, Mo.\) Records](#) (C0280)

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**Historical Note:**

Thomas Connor was vice-president of the Miners' Bank in 1890, director of the Katy C. Mining Company, and President of the Connor Realty Company. Thomas Connor arrived in Joplin in 1871. He was an Irish immigrant who had lived in Ohio, Montana, and Texas before moving to Missouri. He operated a hack service and saloon in Joplin, and in less than six years he had become president of the Miner's Bank of Joplin. He was instrumental in bringing the first smelter to the area, and he was a principal owner of the Joplin Water Works. He was a well-known public benefactor and an ardent Democrat. He was selected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1892, and as a State Senator from Jasper County in 1906. In 1906 Connor began construction of the landmark hotel which bore his name, but he did not live to see it completed. After his death in 1907, his heirs continued construction as he had planned.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged by material type.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The papers include a copy of Thomas Connor's will, made in 1901, probated in 1907; letters testamentary, 1907; letters of instruction; certificate of executors; and order for sale of personal property. Connor's register gives names of mining companies selling lead and zinc ore, amount sold price, and persons to whom sold.

**Container List:**

- f. 1 Estate papers
- v. 1 Lead and zinc ore register

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